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"Cold pasteurization and electronic pasteurization" are NOT sufficient to let us know how the food has been treated - these are just terms. Irradiation destroys vitamins and minerals, causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities and makes the food we eat no more than other "junk food." We need to know WHAT we are buying so please NO changes on the current irradiation disclosure statements and there should never be any of this again, anytime in the future. The current wording of the FDA regulations requires that labeling or displays treated thusly include both the radura logo and disclosure statement "Treated with radiation or Treated by irradiation" should remain as it is now and all this displayed prominently and conspicuously with the required statement, so we KNOW what we are purchasing. The labeling should remain, permanently, as established by the FDA in 1990.

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